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HOUSE BILL 58
47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005
INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT
RELATING TO SPORTS; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO SPORTS AUTHORITY;
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the
"New Mexico Sports Authority Act".

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the New Mexico Sports
Authority Act:

- A. "authority" means the New Mexico sports authority;
- B. "department" means the tourism department; and
- C. "director" means the director of the authority.

**Section 3. AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP - - TERMS - - CO-CHAIRPERSONS - -
QUORUM - VOTING - - COMPENSATION. - -**

- A. The "New Mexico sports authority" is created,

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1 consisting of twenty-five members of the public appointed by
2 the governor and six ex-officio, voting members as follows:

- 3 (1) the superintendent of regulation and
4 licensing;
5 (2) the secretary of economic development;
6 (3) the secretary of tourism;
7 (4) the secretary of taxation and revenue;
8 (5) the chief counsel to the governor; and
9 (6) the governor's deputy chief of staff for
10 legislative affairs.

11 B. An ex-officio member may designate in writing
12 another person to attend meetings of the authority and to the
13 same extent and with the same effect act in the ex-officio
14 member's stead.

15 C. Members shall be appointed for four-year terms
16 and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The terms of
17 the initial members of the authority shall expire on January 1,
18 2007. Members serve until their successors have been appointed
19 and qualified. The governor may fill any vacancies on the
20 authority for the remainder of an unexpired term.

21 D. The authority shall have two co-chairpersons
22 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be an ex-officio
23 member and one of whom shall be a public member. The authority
24 may elect such other officers as it deems necessary to carry
25 out its duties.

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1 E. A majority of the appointed members of the
2 authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
3 business of the authority. Authority members shall not vote by
4 proxy.

5 F. Public members of the authority shall receive
6 per diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public
7 officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no
8 other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

9 Section 4. ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED AGENCY. -- The
10 authority is administratively attached to the department.

11 Section 5. DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY. --

12 A. The authority shall:

13 (1) develop an overall strategic plan for
14 recruiting and retaining all forms of professional and amateur
15 sporting events;

16 (2) identify existing infrastructure for
17 sporting activities, identify and propose future infrastructure
18 and locations and identify opportunities for private and public
19 partnerships on infrastructure;

20 (3) foster relationships between sporting
21 event organizers and event sponsors;

22 (4) foster relationships among state and local
23 agencies and provide advice and direction needed to increase
24 the number and quality of sporting events held in New Mexico;
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1 (5) meet at the call of one of the co-
2 chairpersons, but not less than quarterly.

3 B. The authority may develop and recommend to the
4 governor legislation and may adopt rules necessary to:

- 5 (1) further the purpose of the authority;
6 (2) provide additional professional and
7 amateur sports participation by New Mexico citizens;
8 (3) provide for the welfare of participants in
9 sporting events;
10 (4) provide for adequate safety measures for
11 and ethical operation of sporting events;
12 (5) recruit and maintain professional and
13 amateur sporting events to be held in New Mexico; and
14 (6) address the fiscal and tax implications of
15 Paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection.

16 Section 6. DIRECTOR--STAFF.--The governor shall appoint a
17 director to serve as the administrative officer of the
18 authority, and may appoint deputy directors and the general
19 counsel of the authority. The director shall employ other
20 staff, including deputy directors and general counsel, as
21 necessary to carry out the duties of the authority. The
22 director, deputy directors and general counsel shall be exempt
23 from the provisions of the Personnel Act.

24 Section 7. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New

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1 Mexico sports authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to
2 pay the necessary expenses of the authority. Any unexpended or
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006
4 shall revert to the general fund.

5 Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.

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